



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

CRIME/INCIDENT:	Injury Accident	CASE:	08-8137
DATE:	10-10-08	TIME:	5:49 PM
LOCATION:	3300 Garfield, Carlsbad		
SUSPECT 1:	Driver: WMJ 17, of Carlsbad	AGE:	17
SUSPECT 2:		AGE:	
VICTIM 1:	Skateboarder: WMJ 16, of Carlsbad	AGE:	16
VICTIM 2:		AGE:	

SUMMARY:

A Carlsbad youth, who was driving a 2004 Toyota Tacoma, stopped in the 3300 block of Garfield to talk with friends who were sitting on the curb with their skateboards. When the driver began to drive away (north on Garfield), one of the skateboarders grabbed onto the passenger side door handle. He was towed for a short distance, and then his skateboard got caught under the right rear tire of the truck. It knocked the skateboarder onto the ground and the tire drove over his chest and chin.

The skateboarder was transported to Scripps La Jolla by Mercy Air. Remarkably, the skateboarder sustained only moderate injuries, including a laceration to the back of his head, and is expected to be released from the hospital in a day or so.

California law prohibits skateboarders from being towed by a vehicle. Additionally, State law requires skateboarders under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding their skateboard (the skateboarder wasn't wearing a helmet).

CPD traffic officers are investigating the incident and will determine if criminal charges are appropriate.

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